

NINETY-SIXTH YEAR.

ST. LOUIS, MO., SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1903.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

FOLK DECLINED
ROOSEVELT'S PLAN.President Proposed That He Con-
duct Prosecution of Pos-
tal Scandals.

MADE FLATTERING OFFER.

Chief Executive Said That He
Would Be Pleased to Have the
St. Louis Prosecutor in
Charge of United States'
Case.

The Republic Bureau,
1405 St. and Pennsylvania Ave.,
Washington, D. C., Oct. 31.—It is stated
that when Circuit Attorney Folk of St.
Louis was in Washington three weeks ago
in relation to the Kratz matter, the Presi-
dent requested him to take charge of the
United States postal scandal trials.

It is asserted that while the President
is pleased with the conduct of the case by
the lawyers who are at present represent-
ing the Government, he will be pleased to
have Folk in charge of all of this prosecu-
tion, for the reason of his efficiency in the
Missouri boodle trials.

There is no information as to what form
the President's proposition took, nor is
there an indication of Mr. Folk's answer.
It is presumed, however, that he declined
the flattering tender, since three weeks
have elapsed, and the rumor is only just
now current.

Wasn't Discuss It.
Mr. Folk was asked last night whether
he had received such an offer from Presi-
dent Roosevelt as outlined in the dis-
patch from Washington, and if he had,
what disposition he had made of it.

"I am not at liberty," said the Circuit
Attorney, "to discuss such a conversation
with the President in any form whatever.
In this connection I can only say that I
shall continue to prosecute St. Louis boot-
lers till the end of my term."

THREE ARE KILLED
IN MINE ACCIDENTFalling Slate Crushes Out the
Lives of Trio in Coal Shaft
at Farmington, Ill.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Farmington, Ill., Oct. 31.—Three men were
killed almost instantly and three others
seriously injured in an accident in New-
man Bros' coal mine at Farmington this
morning.

The accident was caused by a coal car,
in which six men were seated, jumping
the track in one of the lower levels of the
mine, and striking a heavy timber. The
prob was broken and a mass of slate,
weighing several tons, dropped into the
car and on top of its human freight.

The dead:
WILLIAM MYRON, 45, wife and eight chil-
dren.
ANDERSON, ERNEST, 23, single.
WILLIAMS, JACK, 21, wife and two children.
ANDERSON, ROBERT, 20 years, single.
WILLIAMS, BOWEN, boy.
W. BOWEN, boy.

WILLIAM MYRON, driver of the car, slight-
ly injured.

The men were removed as speedily as
possible, though this was a rather tedious
job, owing to the mass of slate. As fast
as the victims were taken out they were
removed to the office of the company.

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OWL CARS AGAIN
ON OLIVE STREET.Delayed Citizens Hail Traffic
With Delight After Period
of Discomfirt.

Owl car traffic was resumed on the
Olive street line last night, and cars
carried delayed citizens to their homes
after 12 o'clock at intervals of thirty min-
utes.

The return to normal conditions was
bathed with delight by all who have occu-
pied seats in owl cars. Since the discon-
tinuance of owl cars on this the busiest
of St. Louis streets, many expressions of
a complaining nature could be heard on
the downtown streets on account of the
inconvenience.

The chronic kicker, who never did
think that the Transit Company was run
right, even in the middle of the day, when
a two-minute schedule is the rule, was
forced to admit that a car over-
thirty minutes after "twelve bells" was
indeed a luxury.

But the kicker was not the only one
that was inconvenienced. All had to scout
up time-tables and make dates with
Father Time for berths on strange lines.

Many nightly forgot that they were not
riding on the thirty-minute line, and as a
result three-quarters and sometimes an
hour of needless rest was lost by missing
strange lines by a few minutes, which
did not help the cultivation of serene
temper.

Traffic was suspended on Olive street
a week ago last Friday on account of re-
pairs which were being made on the road-
bed in the downtown district. By suspend-
ing travel altogether, however, the Transit
Company in reality was favoring the pub-
lic. By this method the workmen were
enabled to finish the work more speedily
and satisfactorily, and the late traveling
public was spared the annoyance of long
stops at street corners where the repairs
were in progress.

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to accept it with a solemn sense of responsibility, realizing that under heaven it rests
with ourselves to show that we are worthy to use aright what has thus been in-
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In no other place and at no other time has the experiment of government of the
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Therefore, in thinking God for the mercies extended to us in the past, we beseech
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to stand steadfastly for good and against all the forces of evil, public and private.

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to show that we are not altogether unworthy of the blessings we have received.

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coming November, and do recommend that throughout the land people cease from
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States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this thirty-first day of October, in the year of our
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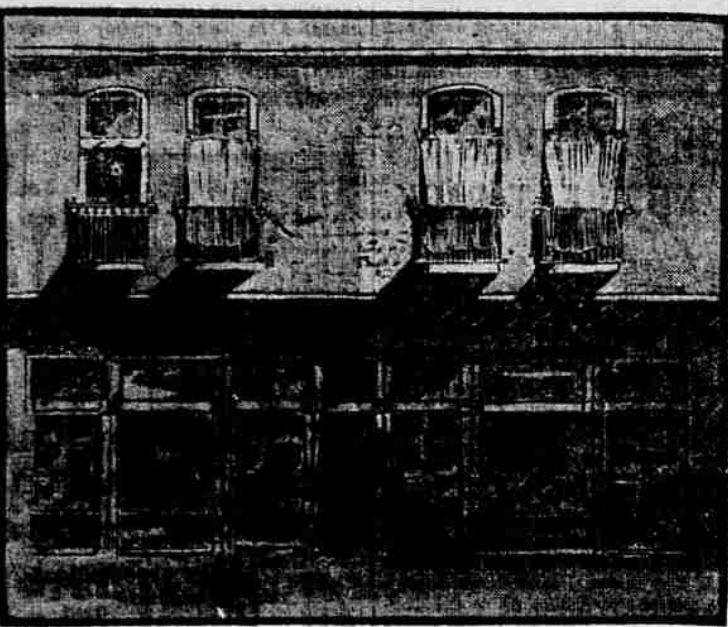
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KRATZ'S MEXICAN LAWYER RETURNS TO GUADALAJARA,
HOLDING OUT NO HOPE IN FIGHT AGAINST EXTRADITION.

COURTYARD IN FRONT OF INSPECTOR OF POLICE'S OFFICE AT GUADALAJARA, MEXICO, AND VIEW OF JAIL WHERE KRATZ IS CONFINED.
The St. Louis fugitive is held in the room marked with an X. It is a room adjoining the Inspector's own private office. In the foreground are seen Mexican mount-
ed police ready for the morning drill.



KRATZ'S HOME IN GUADALAJARA, MEXICO.
This house was "shadowed" by detectives for two weeks before the fugitive was
finally captured, when he came to town from his mining property on hearing reports
that he had been caught in the big International Bank failure.

SPECIAL TO THE REPUBLIC BY CABLE.
VIA GALVESTON.
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FOREST RESERVE
FRAUDS IMMENSE.Investigation Points to Recently
Resigned Official Now
in Congress.

GROSS NEGLIGENCE CHARGED.

Million Acres Involved May Lead
to Congressional Investiga-
tion and Reorganization
of Land System.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Oct. 31.—Further investiga-
tion of the forest reserve land frauds on
the Pacific Slope and facts constantly
leaking out at the Department of the In-
terior show that the officials are connect-
ing many of the irregularities with the of-
fice of the Commissioner of the General
Land Office during the administration of
Binger Herman, now a Congressman from
Oregon.

Not long after President Roosevelt took
office reports of irregularities in forest re-
serves in the Northwest were frequently
made at the White House.

The President ordered that the investiga-
tion be made thorough and complete.
One of the first results was the resignation
of Mr. Hermann.

It is announced by Government officials
that Mr. Hermann was not asked to re-
sign on account of any irregularities in
his office, but because he did not show a
disposition to proceed with the investiga-
tion as thoroughly and speedily as his
superiors desired. Mr. Hermann, after his
resignation, was elected to Congress in
his district in Oregon, and his friends con-
sidered that as a sufficient vindication
and setting at rest any stories of irregu-
larity in office.

Officials familiar with the investigation,
which has been going on all summer, now
make the prediction that the final report
when made by Secretary Hitchcock to the
President will show that many of the op-
erations lead in one manner or another
to the office of the Land Commissioner
during Mr. Hermann's term. Indict-
ments already reported are all in Oregon,
but as the investigation has proceeded
into other States Grand Juries are now
considering cases there. It is said to-
night that Mr. Hermann may have to
face charges of gross negligence in office,
if not of acquiescence in the operations
of the land "grangers."

Secretary Hitchcock has already admit-
ted in a statement that the extent of the
frauds was very great, and that they
would involve a million of acres of Govern-
ment land. It is now thought that be-
fore the investigation is finally completed
it will reach even larger proportions. One
result will probably be a congressional
investigation and a reorganization of the
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BOTH PARTIES EXPECT VICTORY
IN ALL DOUBTFUL STATE ELECTIONS.Chairmen of State Committees Claim Election Will Go Their Way
With Substantial Gains—Massachusetts Democrats Raise the
Reform Banner, While "the Bible in the Public Schools" Is
Nebraska's Issue.

FUSIONISTS IN NEW YORK CITY BACKING LOW GIVE 2 TO 1.

There are the usual professions of confidence by party leaders in the issue of the
elections in the several States Tuesday. Below will be found the prophecies of the
chairmen of the State committees, and also stories of the outlook by correspondents
for The Republic.

In Massachusetts there is a red-hot fight, with the Democrats professing to see
victory ahead.

In Maryland a close battle is being waged. The negro question is the main issue.
One of the humorous phases of the election campaign is the issue in Nebraska:
"Shall the Bible be read in the public schools?"

If the Democrats win in Kentucky, as is expected, there will be a fight in the
courts over a State constitutional provision. In Ohio the Republicans believe that they
will roll up a big majority over the Democrats. The issue in Iowa is not in doubt.
Democrats in that State merely hope to cut down the usual Republican majority.
Pennsylvania Republicans prophesy a tremendous victory. In Rhode Island both the
Republicans and Democrats are claiming the State.

In New York City Tammany is confident of winning the election, and followers
of Low are just as sanguine. Each claim that they will elect their ticket by a large
majority. The betting opened at 2 to 1 in favor of Low and has been beaten down to
even money and 4 to 5 in favor of Tammany.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Oct. 31.—Figures gathered di-
rectly from the voters in a secret ballot,
point to the re-election of Mayor Low by a
margin of 13,153 over George B. McClellan.

Mr. Low's lead is so slight that apathy
among his supporters, a rainy day, or the
presence of illegal voters in the city, which
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No ante-election poll so complete has
ever before been attempted. The figures
come directly from the voters and the de-
ductions drawn from them have been
worked out with mathematical accuracy.

It is understood that the New York Her-
ald, which made the poll, makes no pre-
diction of the result of the election. It
gives the result of its poll for what it
may be worth, calling attention, however,
to the fact that in former years like ex-
periments have foreshadowed closely the
actual result of the voting.

The Herald's poll shows that the bor-
oughs of Manhattan and The Bronx will
give McClellan 8,235 plurality, and esti-
mates that he will carry Queens Borough
by 1,500. It gives Low 20,829 plurality in
Brooklyn and 2,332 in Richmond, and
a plurality for Low of 12,143 in Greater New
York.

OHIO.
REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Cleveland, O., Oct. 31.—Statement of
Ohio political outlook by Charles P. Sa-
len, Democratic State chairman:

"Not only is the Democratic party thor-
oughly aroused in Ohio, but it has through
the leadership of Tom L. Johnson rallied
to its assistance almost the entire inde-
pendent vote of the State. To offset this
heavy loss, the Hanna managers have
brought into the campaign the biggest
corruption fund that ever was used in the
State of Ohio. The Democratic Committee
has confined its expenditures exclusively to
meetings, literature and strictly legiti-
mate expenses. Johnson and Clarke have
conducted a magnificent campaign and
have aroused the people. They have ap-
pealed to intelligence, while the Republi-
cans have evidently worked up the prej-
udices of classes. I believe that if the
dis honest vote of Hamilton County is not
sufficient to array itself against the hon-
est vote of the balance of the State that
Mayor Johnson will be elected Governor. I
believe that a Democratic majority will
be elected to the General Assembly and
that Clarke will succeed as United States
Senator from Ohio.

(Signed) "CHARLES P. SALEN,
Chairman Dem. State Executive Com."
KENTUCKY.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Frankfort, Ky., Oct. 31.—Chairman Hager
of the Kentucky Democratic Campaign
Committee says:

"There is no longer any question of the
success of the ticket. I have organized
Kentucky in its 9,000 precincts, and have
two accurate polls of each of these pre-
cincts. Giving the Republicans all they
claim in the Eleventh District, we will win
by more than 10,000. Our estimate of what
they get in that district increases the ma-
jority we will get in the State to above 50,
000. There is no doubt at all of the elec-
tion of the ticket."

In contrast to this confidential state-
ment, Chairman C. H. Newman of the Re-
publican Campaign Committee says:

"Within the last ten days the Democratic
orators have dropped the confident air

FIFTEEN STUDENTS
KILLED IN WRECK
AT INDIANAPOLIS.Several Members of Purdue
University Football Team
Are Among the
Victims.

EXCURSION TRAIN CROWDED.

Engine and Loaded Coal Cars
Run From Siding, Crashing
Into Coach Filled With
Happy Youths.

MORE THAN FIFTY INJURED.

Young Women Heroically Act as
Nurses for Wounded, While
Athletes Tear Away
Wreckage From Bod-
ies of Comrades.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 31.—Fifteen per-
sons were killed and more than fifty in-
jured, some fatally, at 10:30 o'clock this
morning by a collision between a special
passenger train on the Big Four Railroad
and a freight engine with a string of coal
cars.

The accident occurred in the edge of this
city.

The passenger train of twelve coaches
was carrying 84 persons, nearly all of
whom were students of Purdue University,
and friends from Lafayette, Ind., to In-
dianapolis, for the annual football game
between the Purdue team and the Indiana
University squad for the State champion-
ship, which was to have been played this
afternoon.

In the first coach back of the engine
were the Purdue football team, substitute
players and managers.

Three players, the assistant coach,
trainer and seven substitute players of
the university team were killed, and
every one of the fifty-three other persons
in the car was either fatally or seriously
injured.

Following is a list of the killed:
Charles Grube, Butler, Ind., substitute
player.
Charles Furr, Veedersburg, guard.
B. C. Robertson, Indianapolis, assistant
coach and captain of the team two years
ago.

Walter L. Roush, Pittsburg, Pa., sub-
stitute.
R. J. Powell, Corpus Christi, Tex., end
player.
W. D. Hamilton, Bridgeton, Ill., center
rush.

Gabriel S. Drollinger, Lafayette, Ind.,
substitute.
Samuel Squibb, Lawrenceburg, Ind., sub-
stitute.
Jay Hamilton, Huntington, Ind., sub-
stitute.

N. R. Howard, Lafayette, president of the
Indiana Landrymen, began the wreck-
age.
Patrick McClair, Chicago, trainer.
Samuel Truitt, Noblesville, Ind., sub-
stitute.

G. L. Shaw, Indian Harbor, Ind.
Bert Price, Spencer, Ind., substitute.
J. C. Coates, Berwin, Pa.

FROM THE TWELVE COACHES were coming
the joyous cries of "Purdue! Purdue!"
clad in gala dress, with colors streaming,
while in the front coach sat twenty great,
muscular fellows, trained to the hour, on
whom the hopes of a brilliant victory on
the gridiron were confidently placed.

Rounding a curve at the Eighteenth
street cut, Engineer W. H. Schumacher
found directly in front of him the freight
engine and coal cars, moving slowly from
a switch leading to a gravel pit. He re-
versed his engine and jumped.

The crash hurled the passenger engine
and three front coaches against the steel
freight cars, loaded with coal, that
ploughed their way through and buried
under a pile of wreckage, weighing many
tons, fully sixty human beings.

The first car, in which were the players,
was completely demolished, the roof being
torn away and falling across a car of coal,
while the body of the car was reduced to
kindling wood against the side of the steel
freight car.

The second coach, containing a brass
band, was pushed aside and the third
coach was overturned and hurled down a
fifteen-foot embankment.

The other coaches did not leave the
track. President Stone of the university,
with his family, was in the fourth coach
and was not injured.

RUSH TO THE RESCUE.
Immediately after the shock the pas-
senger, men and women, began the fran-
tic work of tearing away the wreckage
and pulling out the dead and dying class-
mates and fraternity brothers.

The young women, dressed in bright
colors for the holiday, performed heroic
work. Though the bodies were in several
instances horribly mangled, one comple-
tely and one partly beheaded, they took up-
on their laps the heads of the dying and
injured and soothed their sufferings as
best they could until the surgeons ar-
rived. Their bloodstained and grimy gar-
ments were gloomy witnesses of their
heroism.

A general alarm was sounded and every
assistant in the city could afford to
rush to the wreck which was three
miles from the business center. Burgons
dashed up in automobiles, fire wagons,
ambulances, express wagons, undertakers'
vehicles, private conveyances and even
delivery wagons were sent to carry away
the dead and injured.

While these were being carried to the
morgue and hospital the work of tear-
ing away the wreck and rescuing those
planned beneath went on. Big, muscular
students went about as they stood over
the bodies of their dead friends and col-
lege-workers, or helplessly saw their col-
lege mates writhing in pain.

WRECKAGE ON FIRE.
To add to the horror of the situation
the wreckage caught fire, but the flames
were extinguished by the students after a
hard fight.

There were many thrilling scenes and
experiences. Among those who had almost
been killed were many who had almost
been killed.